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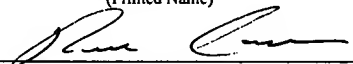
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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Any document listed on the attached PTO-1449 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application, PCT/US2004/021467. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. An English-language counterpart of the foreign-language document has not been provided. The absence of a translation or an English-language counterpart document does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

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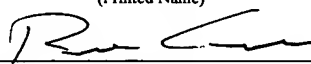
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1. Second Information Disclosure Statement (3 pgs.);
2. PTO Form 1449 (1 pg.);
3. Two references as cited on Form 1449 as B1 and C1;
4. International Search Report (PCT/US2004/021467) (7 pgs); and
5. Return postcard.

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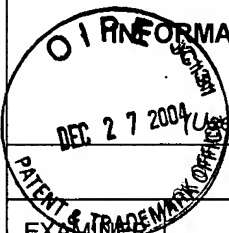
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	A1	6,066,257	5/23/2000	Venkatesh et al.			
	A2	6,423,533	7/23/2002	Gearheart et al.			
	A3	6,358,396	3/19/2002	Baohua et al.			
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	B1	DE199 34 409	1/25/2001	Germany [English Abstract included]			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
	C1	Logan, Bruce E. "Assessing the outlook for perchlorate remediation" <i>Environmental Science & Technology</i> 35:23 (2001)					
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